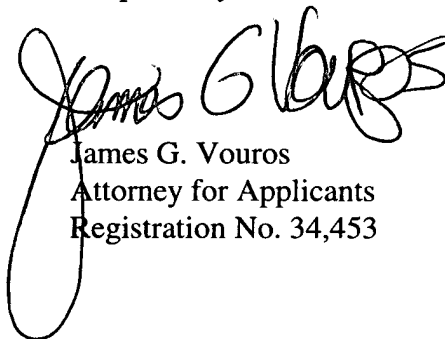


Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to:

- (a) restrict examination, with traverse, to claims 1-14;
- (b) accept election of species as defined *supra*;
- (c) enter the amendments; and
- (d) withdraw claims 15-20 from further consideration without prejudice.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the claims:**

Claims 2 and 20 have been amended as follows:

2 (amended). The composition of claim 1, wherein the olefin-based material is a macroporous polymer prepared in the presence of a porogen and is selected from the group consisting of divinylbenzene polymers, divinylbenzene copolymers, styrene/divinylbenzene copolymers, divinylbenzene resins, cross-linked divinylbenzene polymers, styrene/butadiene copolymers, styrene/isoprene copolymers, vinylsiloxane polymers, [alkylalumoxanes, alkylsiloxane polymers and combinations thereof; and wherein the free olefin groups are optionally disposed on the surface of the olefin-based material.

20 (amended). A process for the production of hydrophobically modified objects, wherein said process comprises the steps of:

[particles in the form of spheres, surfaces and objects in which the catalytic matrix is disposed on the surfaces thereof.]

(a) depositing a catalytic matrix on the surface of an object;

(b) contacting at least one olefin monomer with said catalytic matrix on said surface; and

(c) polymerizing said olefin monomer to produce a polyolefin.